



DEDHAM-WESTWOOD WATER DISTRICT

General Business Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

In-person attendance: 50 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 | 6:30 PM

Announcement of the Audio and/or Video Recording

The Chair, Eric Merithew, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Attendance

Eric Merithew, Chair

Louis Kustwan, Vice-Chair (partially remote)

Jennifer Perkins, Member

Robert Lexander, Member

Mark Phillips, Member

Blake Lukis, Executive Director & Assistant Treasurer

Bob Marsh, Business Manager

Pauline Donoghue, Treasurer (remote)

Steve Locke, Operations Manager

Absence

John Healy, Member

Also in Remote Attendance

Alan Mafio, resident of 22 Lee Terrace in Dedham

Roll-Call Attendance

Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips Present.

A quorum was confirmed.

Public Participation

Mr. Lukis asked the public attendee to state their name and address; Mr. Alan Mafio of 22 Lee Terrace in Dedham complied. Mr. Lukis asked Mr. Mafio his reason for meeting attendance. Mr. Mafio stated that the land from the new garage being added has not settled, at a 45-degree pitch knocking soil, rocks, and debris into his yard; he is considering adding a four-foot retaining wall to his property. Mr. Merithew closed the public-participation meeting and moved to meeting Agenda Item VII - 22 Lee Terrace Retaining Wall - and referred Members to the supplied documents.

Action on Retaining Funding of Retaining Wall on Property Line with 22 Lee Terrace

Mr. Lukis described the clearing process for building the District's garage, feeling the retaining wall request is well-warranted because of 22 Lee Terrace property condition; he referred to the pictures showing the slope. Three contractor quotes have been obtained by Mr. Mafio. Mr. Lukis recommends moving forward with the District funding the retaining wall without warranty, as has been done for other residents. Concern with indemnification; Mr. Lukis clarified

that the District will only fund, not hire the contractor. Mr. Kustwan asked if the retaining wall will be placed on the resident's property or the District's; Mr. Lukis confirmed placement will be on the resident's property. In response to Ms. Perkins' inquiry, the picture angles were clarified. Mr. Merithew listed and Mr. Lukis posted the three contractor quotes, and Mr. Mafio further described. For Mr. Merithew, Mr. Lukis relayed that the quote shared today is the preferred. Mr. Lukis will draft a memorandum of agreement between entities, for funding the retaining wall with no present or future responsibility.

Ms. Perkins read the motion for moving forward: The Dedham-Westwood Water Commissioners vote to approve the funding of a retaining wall to be located at the property of 22 Lee Terrace at the border of the District's property at 50 Elm Street in Dedham. This wall is due to the increased impact on the property of 22 Lee Terrace during the construction of the new vehicle storage facility. The District will pay the contractor chosen by the resident directly for a not to exceed price of \$11,875.

With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye; Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lukis offered that Mr. Mafio could stay for the rest of the meeting, adding that he will be in contact regarding next steps. Mr. Mafio thanked the Board.

Mr. Merithew returned the meeting to the general order of business.

Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2025

Mr. Merithew requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Alexander to approve the meeting minutes as reviewed for July 14, 2025; Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. With no discussion necessary, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, and Mr. Alexander voted Aye;

Mr. Phillips Abstained.

Motion passed.

Financials and Warrant

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Donaghue relayed that, since the August meeting was cancelled, Warrants 53-61 for period July 10th to August 7th were reposted. In addition, for review and approval are Warrants 62-67 for period August 14th to 28th.

Treasurer's Monthly Cash report for April, May, and June updates have been provided:

- Recorded Cash Report for June, reduced from May
- Recorded Cash Report for May, reduced from April
- Recorded Cash Report for April, reduced from March
- Recorded Cash Report chart for January to June, cash reduced mostly due to BAN funds.
- Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements January to June

- Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements for Y/E December 31, 2024

The reduction in cash is BAN funds being spent. The July and August reports will be presented in October.

Mr. Marsh added that the bar-graph schedule has the breakdown between BANs, the Operating Account, and totals.

Business Manager Report

Business Operating Reports

Mr. Marsh informed that June is being reviewed tonight, not May since the August meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Lukis shared his screen for Mr. Marsh to review. At the halfway point in the year, there is an excess of revenue over expenses, less than the anticipated loss. Billed Water exceeded budget; Mr. Lukis stated that this includes new water restriction regulations, budgeted less than would normally. Mr. Marsh continued, stating other items are relatively small. Investment Income increased slightly. Expenditures include Net Personnel, broken down, with work orders going to projects rather than Profit & Loss. For other Operating Costs, most is for water treatment. Bank Balances - The Operating balance is expected to be good for the year, with some additional BAN to pay. Mr. Lukis added that the Garage Project will be completed before the full borrowing amount is known and that the East Street Project is estimated. The MWRA line is not the whole budget so does not impact rates, and some is paid in cash; this is an unfavorable variance for operating costs. Anticipated for the second half of the year: Line items may vary, revenue may be much higher to market offset, and continued water treatment will prove unfavorable. The July and August flash report showed both months' billing was over budget because of the dry, warm summer.

Mr. Merithew asked if any budget reduction is seen due to revenue and mandatory water restriction. Mr. Lukis answered that budget reduction was not seen because the District was in no water restrictions for July and August; April, May, and June were close, when water restrictions were in effect. Mr. Locke added that today's Neponset River flow went below 12.6 feet per second, so Well 5 shut off and more MWRA water was probably used. Mr. Lukis informed that new restrictions will not be implemented until after Monday's Drought Management Task Force meeting. Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Marsh if budgeted MWRA water was to offset a rate increase; Mr. Marsh confirmed this as so, adding that discussions had been held regarding an increased tax rate being difficult to explain to taxpayers. Ms. Perkins asked if the result was close to as anticipated; Mr. Marsh answered that last year was much higher.

Discussion was held regarding history, White Lodge capacity, budget, rates/cash, etc.

Mr. Phillips asked if any complaints were received because of the mandatory restrictions earlier in the year; Mr. Lukis answered that some callers were confused because of the spring rainfall

but that no calls were about enforcement action. Mr. Merithew asked if there are plans to make State meetings more frequent; Mr. Lukis stated there was not significant enough reason through July and August.

Mr. Marsh concluded by confirming his Team is keeping good records to keep all moving.

Operations Manager Report

Pumping and Operational Report

Pumpage - Mr. Locke stated the past four weeks of production were beneficial for revenue, at 5.5-5.7, not 5.2-5.1 as expected, reiterating that no summer water restrictions were in place.

Main & Service Line - The Board has been informed of all. Also, a leak was found at 84 Lakeshore Drive in Westwood by the leak survey; four of five were reported, including on Sterling Road in Dedham at approximately 80 gallons per minute.

Update on New & Existing Projects

- Meter Installations & Backflow
Reported numbers were incorrect - Meters were understated and backflows were overstated. Only one technician has a backflow license, and a new-hire has begun.

Mr. Kustwan asked about the reason for operating at about 25% of the workforce; Mr. Lukis confirmed no injuries were because of large safety concerns or incidents.

- East Street
Night work is progressing, with approximately 500 more feet to complete. Some complaint calls were received throughout the Project.
- Garage
Much work has been done towards the September 18th completion.
- PFAS Filter
A preconstruction meeting was held August 7th, determining mobilization for September 15th.
- Muni-Link
Customer Service is working with this new billing software.
- Schoolmaster Lane

With the easement agreement in place, the process to connect the loop is beginning. Discussion was held as the result of Mr. Merithew's question about the 128 campus; Mr. Lukis answered that no information has been received.

- Milk Street
K&K Excavation Company has completed their work; a minor punch list remains.

Returning to the Schoolmaster Lane Project topic, Mr. Merithew asked if how to add the existing work has been worked out. Mr. Lukis answered that it was determined procurement laws could be followed to complete this year, with full design plan to do next year so paving is completed after the District's section.

Mr. Phillips asked if there is a program for hydrant painting; Mr. Locke answered that a hydrant painter is utilized. The Distribution Supervisor has received some calls regarding hydrants needing painting. Mr. Lukis added that hydrant painting is a Distribution Supervisor-determined scheduled maintenance, with response to call-prioritizing. Mr. Lexander suggested adding additional employees to keep up on need, especially in main travel areas; Mr. Lukis relayed that painting is being tracked and the percentage of system completion will be figured.

Discussion took place.

Action on Change Order 2 for the East Street Water Main Project

Additional work by RM Pacella because of a Town six-hour weekday restriction has resulted in a change order, which was adjusted to reduce. Change order history was reviewed.

Mr. Lexander asked about work time restrictions, and Mr. Lukis answered that the police department viewed traffic concerns. Mr. Merithew asked if a traffic analysis had been performed; Mr. Lukis confirmed an analysis was completed for the East Street Project, acknowledging that East Street traffic has since increased. Mr. Locke labeled this a challenging project, and Mr. Lexander mentioned the digging restrictions.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Kustwan asked if the change order is because of the Town time limitations, and how they impact hourly costs. Mr. Lexander answered that contractor employees are being paid when not working. Mr. Kustwan asked if hours could be banked towards future work; Mr. Lukis confirmed full-time employees must receive 40 hours of pay, and Mr. Merithew stated the contract is not hourly based. Mr. Lukis explained that bids are based on an eight-hour workday; if it was understood that a six-hour workday was expected, the contract would have reflected. Mr. Phillips asked if some relief or compensation might be sought from the Town. Mr. Lukis answered that some relief has been seen with the acceptable hours raised to seven, traffic detoured, and utilization of night work; meetings are held with the Town every two weeks.

Some discussion was held.

Mr. Lukis relayed that one-way-alternating traffic is in place; the police department will consider adjustment when two lanes can be used.

Additional discussion took place.

Mr. Lexander read the motion for moving forward: The Dedham-Westwood Water Commissioners vote to approve Change Order No. 2 for the East Street and Martin Bates Water Main Replacement Project with R.M. Pacella Inc. in the amount of \$75,981.70. This is for delays due to limited work hours to a 6-hour work window (9am to 3pm) on East Street that was not anticipated at the time of bidding. Further, the Executive Director be authorized to sign the Change Order.

Background:

- o Due to Work hour Restrictions (6-hour days) November 2024 to May 15th due to high volume of traffic in morning. 25% reduction in Productivity

Contract Bid Amount:	\$3,454,190.36
Change Order #1:	\$133,640.44
Change Order #2:	\$75,981.70 (reduced from \$139K)
Task Order #158:	\$67,500.00
Current Total :	\$3,731,312.50
Budgeted Total:	\$3,840,000.00
Balance:	\$108,687.50 (left for PCOs & details etc.)

With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken. Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye; Motion passed unanimously.

Action on Amendment No. 1 to East Street Construction Oversight Contract
with Weston & Sampson

Mr. Locke explained this requested motion. Mr. Lukis added that meetings between the District, the engineer, and the contractor are held weekly to discuss moving forward. Mr. Merithew asked if the Project is still somewhat below budget; Mr. Lukis confirmed that is correct, informing that discussion with the Water & Sewer Commission did not result in additional requests. Mr. Kustwan asked if any aspect could be put back to W&S; Mr. Lukis answered ‘not necessarily’ but that meetings, historical records, and design changes are being utilized.

Mr. Lexander read the motion for moving forward: The Dedham-Westwood Water Commissioners vote to approve Task Order No. 158, an Amendment to Task Order 152, for the construction administration engineering services for the East Street and Martin Bates Street Water Main Replacements between Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. and the Dedham-Westwood Water District in the amount of \$67,500 for a revised total cost of \$202,400. Further, that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the agreement.

Background:

- o Due to increased Construction Administrative time needed for additional meetings, extra Change Orders, Re-design of main due to inaccurate records of utilities, etc.

Task Order #152:	\$134,900.00 (Original)
Task Order #158:	\$202,400.00 (Amended)
Increase in CA :	\$67,500.00

With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken. Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye; Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Merithew asked if the Project bids were close; Mr. Locke responded that the chosen contractor was much lower than the others received.

Update and Potential Action on Whiting Avenue Water Main Design

Mr. Locke reported that the Department of Transportation found a water main three feet under-grade and another approximately 100-year-old section on Whiting Avenue. In a meeting, the District proposed delay to 2028. The DOT requests design in place to bid for their design. APEX could perform the design and bidding.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Lukis relayed that, with a special grant through the DOT, the District must design and bid on its own. Mr. Lukis confirmed for Mr. Merithew that this is for design and bidding, not construction and administration.

Mr. Kustwan joined the meeting in-person.

Mr. Lexander read the motion to move forward: The Dedham-Westwood Water Commissioners vote to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for the Design and Bidding Services for the Replacement of the Whiting Ave. water main replacement from Dedham High School to Walnut Street in Dedham between APEX Companies, LLC and the Dedham-Westwood Water District for the Not to Exceed price of \$58,500. Further, that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the agreement.

Background:

- o Design needed for Whiting Ave water main construction to occur in 2027. D.O.T. needs work completed PRIOR to their work. This means we need to get this completed as soon as possible so they can incorporate into their Design plans. Since we were committed to Riverside Drive & Schoolmaster Lane for 2026 we asked them to defer their work to 2028 which they agreed to do.

Our Design consists of an additional 1000lf from hydrant to Recreation Road (right side of DHS Football) that has existing 6” main approximately 100 years old (total 1400lf) and 800lf of existing main that’s in the D.O.T. SOW of which 400lf is 6” approximately 100 years old + 400lf of 8” main that’s approximately 80 years old. In the 800lf SOW the DOT identified the main to be ONLY about 3’ below grade.

DWWD will have to pave the additional 1000lf & absorb this cost NOT in the DOT SOW presumably in 2028 (possibly in 2027 if the Town permits it). The DOT will pay for their portion of the water main in their SOW.

With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken. Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye; Motion passed unanimously.

Board requested update on Trade-in of Backhoe,

Mr. Locke informed that purchase of a new backhoe and trade-in value of the current have been researched; the recommendation is to trade the used backhoe.

Background:

- DWWD appropriated \$165,000 to replace our 420F 2016 Milton CAT Backhoe Loader with a new one which has had continuing issues with corrosion to the hydraulic lines due to constantly being outside in the elements. We’ve delayed purchasing until the Construction of the new Warehouse/Garage for this very reason. Since we’re near completion we’re considering our Trade-in options.
- DWWD got a quote for \$149,000 for a new 2025 420F Milton CAT Backhoe loader. They’ve also offered DWWD \$30,000 for a trade-in which would net to \$119,000 all in.
- However, we could put it on Municibid and set it at a minimum auction bid of \$30,000 and see what we get. This would make the logistics of selling/getting the new one tricky but could get a better deal for the District. DWWD recently had it repaired again at a cost of ~ \$4600.
- Our recommendation is to take the trade-in value of \$30,000.

Discussion was held, and Mr. Lukis stated no motion is necessary.

Mr. Merithew referred to preconstruction, asking what the timeline is for plant impact. Mr. Lukis answered that some impact will be immediate, with some utility relocation. Strict restrictions will be in place during winter months, with grouping together to minimize downtime. Mr. Locke added that this will be a major shutdown.

Executive Director Report

Contracts Signed by ED

No new contracts have been signed by the Executive Director.

Action on Additional Funding for Vehicle Storage Facility

This is not a funding request, but a vote with the required language allowing us to bond the additional funding the Board voted in the 2025 Capital budget

Mr. Lukis has updated the change order list for the Vehicle Storage Facility, informing that one new change order has been executed for the new pump station, with all else drafts or estimates. Scheduled delay is unconfirmed. Other work has been completed; but costs of electrical for the trough added above the new electrical panels, the Eversource requirement, and for grounding have been disputed. In answer to Messrs. Phillips' and Merithew's questions, Mr. Lukis further explained the disputes. Mr. Lukis informed that the underground broken floor drain excavation has been completed but without final pricing.

Mr. Lexander asked if the generator has been connected to the garage; Mr. Lukis stated the new electrical panels were placed for the now-connected generator. Mr. Lukis advised that the gas connection work estimate has been revised based on the Eversource inspection; grading revisions bring water to catch basins.

At current 6% change-order total, 1% is delay being scheduled; if delay is planned, negotiation will be initiated since has passed deadline - 5% is a typical change-order percentage. Mr. Merithew commented on it being felt the Town would delay the Project early-on; Mr. Lukis reiterated that the contractor is using the garage in order to minimize expenses. Mr. Lexander asked if one change order was because of soil sample timing; Mr. Lukis responded that a change order was because of over-excavation.

Discussion took place regarding timing.

Mr. Lukis explained the motion written by District Counsel, and detailed the funds already appropriated in the Capital Budget. To borrow funds, the Board must motion in a specific language. The amount is more than originally budgeted but will be absorbed within other projects; Mr. Lukis further explained. Mr. Lukis listed the reduced spending of certain Capital projects, in response to Mr. Phillips' inquiry.

Mr. Kustwan acknowledged that the Project engineers will help manage the contractors, asking who helps manage the engineers; Mr. Lukis confirmed the District staff will manage aspects. Mr. Kustwan asked if this is consistent with other engineering firms' change orders; Mr. Lukis stated this is typical for this Project, reiterating that the general contractor has no control over this filed sub-bid Project as they did not hire the subcontractors.

Mr. Lexander read the motion to move forward: That the District appropriates \$538,500 to pay additional costs of designing and constructing a vehicle storage facility of approximately 4,200 square feet, and making associated site improvements including retaining walls, drainage improvements, parking and driveway improvements on the District's property at 50 Elm Street in Dedham, and that to meet this appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor.

Background:

This is not a funding request, but a vote with the required language allowing us to bond the additional funding that the board voted in the 2025 Capital budget.

- 2024 Capital Budget Appropriation \$3,095,500
- 2025 Capital Budget Appropriation \$510,000
- Total Appropriation \$3,605,500
- Bonding Motion on 4/25/2024 \$3,095,500
- Need to vote to allow bonding of \$538,500, which is \$28,500 more than the project appropriation but will be covered with reduced spending on other capital projects

With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken. Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye; Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Signature of White Lodge Treatment Plant PFAS Interim Loan Documents

Mr. Lukis explained the vote needed in order to borrow for the White Lodge Treatment Plant. Mr. Phillips questioned the interest rate. Mr. Lukis answered that a zero-percent-interest loan has been approved, with the possibility of interest forgiveness; 25% has been given in the past.

Mr. Lukis read the document for action:

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

I, the Clerk of the Board of Water Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Dedham-Westwood Water District, Massachusetts (the “District”), certify that at a meeting of the Board held September 3, 2025, of which meeting all members of the Board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the Board in my custody:

- VOTED: (1) That the District shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,196,800 (the “Bonds”) pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General Laws and votes of the Board of Water Commissioners on May 15, 2024, January 22, 2025 and May 15, 2025, which authorized a total borrowing of \$17,196,800 for planning or construction of drinking water infrastructure identified in such vote (the “Project”);

- (2) that the terms of the Financing Agreement (or Agreements) between the Town and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the “Trust”) (the “Financing Agreement”) and the Project Regulatory Agreement (or Agreements) between the Town and the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“DEP”) (the “Project Regulatory Agreement”), each relating to the Notes and the Bonds are hereby approved;
- (3) that in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds the District Treasurer is authorized to issue an interim loan note or notes (the “Notes”) from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,196,800;
- (4) that each Bond or Note shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Trust at a price determined pursuant to the Financing Agreement;
- (5) that the District Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form, the maximum interest rate and the principal maturities of each Bond and Note, and to execute a Financing Agreement (or Agreements) with the Trust with respect to the sale of the Bonds and Notes, such date, form and maturities and the specific interest rate or rates of the Bonds and Notes to be approved by a majority of the Board and the District Treasurer and evidenced by their execution of the Bonds or Notes;
- (6) that any certificates or documents relating to each Bond and Notes (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures;
- (7) that all action taken to date by the District and its officers and agents to carry out the Project and its financing, including the execution of any loan

commitment or agreement by the District Treasurer, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and

- (8) that the District Treasurer and the other appropriate District officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of the Financing Agreement(s) and the Project Regulatory Agreement(s) relating to the Project.

I further certify that the vote was adopted at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above vote) was filed with the District Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerks of the Towns of Dedham and Westwood are located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decisions in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Notes were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L c.30A, §§18-25, as amended. I further certify that the vote has not been amended, supplemented or revoked and remains in effect on this date.

Dated: _____, 2025 _____

Clerk of the Board of Water Commissioners

Mr. Lexander motioned to accept the document as read by Mr. Lukis. With no additional discussion, Mr. Phillips seconded the motion; a roll-call vote was taken.
Roll-Call Vote: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye;
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lukis informed that he has the original and copies for the Commissioners.

Update on Perchlorate Sampling Issue

Mr. Lukis referred to a White Lodge sample reading of 2.1 parts per billion. All annual historic sampling reads at low levels, at non-detect or below regulatory limit. This has been researched with the DEP for sample averaging to confirm compliance. A second sample read non-detect

utilizing a different EPA method was submitted to the DEP. It has been determined that the method will be accepted, with additional sample confirmation. The DEP explained why this is acceptable.

For Mr. Kustwan, Mr. Lukis explained that '314' is a testing method. A sample taken August 12th and processed at a different lab read .0386 parts per billion, below the reportable limit. The DEP response to the request to delete the 2.1 sample was that they cannot unless information is received from the lab. White Lodge Wells 1-5 raw water samples had been taken, with acceptable readings.

Discussion including future strategy was held.

Mr. Locke confirmed next year's testing must now be done quarterly. With acceptable readings, a waiver to reduce to annual samples may be requested.

Discussion of this process took place.

Mr. Lukis mentioned a topic not on the meeting agenda: A press release regarding the 3M settlement will be sent to the *Dedham Times*, and additional inquiries responded to. He explained net versus gross, what has been received to-date, and eight years of future payments. This is one of four settlements the District is a part of.

Further discussion was held.

Old/New Business*

No additional business was brought before the Chair.

Next Meeting

The next hybrid meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8th.

Mr. Merithew requested a meeting adjournment motion. Ms. Perkins motioned to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Roll-Call: Mr. Merithew, Mr. Kustwan, Ms. Perkins, Mr. Lexander, and Mr. Phillips voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Travers Reynolds
Recording Secretary